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RESPONSE

Applicant submits this response in reply to the office action mailed on February 3, 2009.

Applicant elects claims 1-31 and 37 with traverse. The applicant traverses the restriction requirement for numerous reasons. One of those reasons is that the claims can be examined without undue searching in the USPTO's classification system since the examiner did not identify that was reasoning for the restriction requirement.

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